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XAVIER IN FOURTH PLACE

ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST TO BE
HELD ABOUT ONE WEEK AFTER EASTER

Every Xavier student was urged very strongly to enter the annual Oratorical Contest. Everyone who wished to enter this contest should have turned the title of their speech into the Registrar's office by last Tuesday. An outline or a brief sketch of his speech should be turned into Father Wernert by every contestant; this sketch must be turned in because it is an eligibility requirement. The speeches must not exceed ten minutes in length. The tryouts will probably be held on April 3.

Some of the topics suggested were:

Postwar Confederations
Peace Plans
Liberalism vs. Specialized education
Compulsory Military Training after the war.
What to Do at the Peace Treaty

FORMER XAVIER STUDENT RECEIVES COMMISSION IN THE ARMY AIR FORCES

It was officially announced by the War Department that Charles L. Pulsfort received the silver wings of a Flying officer and commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces. Lt. Pulsfort attended Xavier University before he enlisted

XAVIER BEATS U.C. IN RIFLE CONTEST
BY THREE PLACES AND OVER 1000 POINTS

Xavier's rifle team finished fourth in the Fifth Service Command Intercollegiate Rifle Match, it was announced by Corps Headquarters in Columbus on March 15. Xavier finished only three points behind West Virginia University Gold Team, the third place winners. The three highest teams will compete in the National Intercollegiate Rifle Matches. Xavier finished in front of the University of Cincinnati, the seventh place team, by over a thousand points.

The official results are:

1. Culver Military Academy
7590.
2. Ohio State University
7151.
3. West Virginia University
Gold Team --7015.
4. Xavier University
7012.
5. West Virginia University
Blue Team --6828.
6. Eastern Kentucky State
Teachers' College
6567.
7. University of Cincinnati
6011.
8. Indiana University
Incomplete

ted for pilot training last July.
He attended flying schools at De-
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HOW STRONG ARE YOU?

A shocking number of friendly, attractive, but down-right filthy "Victory Girls" are over-running this country. No doubt you have heard of these cute, sophisticated agents of Satan, women without a brain in their heads, out to show the service man a "good time."

Yours truly recently received an honorable discharge from the U. S. Naval Reserve after spending 17 months in "bell-bottomed" trousers. Therefore, judging from what I have seen, I feel that I should put you wise to this type of temptation.

The best and most logical way to guard against the temptation of "Victory Girls" is to stay away from the places where they habitually "hang out."

Once the temptation comes, the religious training you are now receiving, if you are seriously taking it to heart, will help you immensely. Once in uniform, you will need all the grace you can muster to help you stay a good Catholic man. Remember, it is your religious training and faith that you will need more than anything else in the world once you make the change from civilian clothes to the uniform of war.

HOW STRONG ARE YOU?

E. W.

MAKE YOUR GIFT AS BIG AS YOUR HEART

What is the slogan that looks out of your eyes today...the one sentence that means everything to you. Is it something like this: "My brather is a sergeant." "I just received a letter from my cousin in Alaska." "My father is on a submarine." "My uncle is in Italy." "He is a prisoner of war." Perhaps you wear your war slogan with high courage. The war touches all of us, some remotely, some too close.

Yet, to all of us, there is only one saving facet in war's grim picture...only one agent geared to help, to succor, to bring the blessings of home to our dearest ones. That agent is the American Red Cross. Light in a darkened world. Greatness and kindness beyond any coin our purses can spill. Kindness that must not be hampered for lack of money it needs. Kindness for the man in your heart and the others beyond your knowledge...give as much as you can spare. Make your gift as big as your heart.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY announced by the Military department that Privates John Tracy, Donald Rice, and Paul Hoppenjans were raised to the rank of Corporal as of March 6; and Privates Raymond Silbernagel, Richard Dempsey, and Harold Nolting were raised to the same rank as of March 21.

WE WISH TO CORRECT the statement that was published in the last issue of the Xavier News about firing on the rifle range. Any student may use the rifle range. If you do not take R.O.T.C. you must pay for your shells. You may fire only when an authorized person is on the range.

LIFE OF AN AIR CORP CADET

THE following letter, dated March 6, was received from Private Larry Austing. Larry left Xavier to serve in the Army Air Corps on January 29, 1944.

"Are you able to keep the school running without me there. I suppose that it is a lot harder, but you just remember this is war. I imagine that you have heard of my progress as one of Uncle Sam's Nephews in O.D.'s from some of the fellows who were fortunate enough to receive a letter from me.

"...My R.O.T.C. training set me up as a Flight Leader, I would be on K.P. now instead of writing this letter. Since I am an acting Sergeant, I was made barracks leader when the B.L. went P.O.E. So now I have a nice, private room with radio and desk....

When we started Classification, the rest of my College work came in handy on the tests. These tests lasted all day and none of them troubled me very much. The Math Exam, for which we had an hour, contained about 50 questions in Algebra, Trig, and Arithmetic. I finished in 30 minutes; most fellows, who had not had any college, were lucky to get over half of the questions finished. In the tests, education does improve the score, but it does not insure qualification. The percentage of "washouts" among these with college training was about the same as for those with only High School training. One fellow with two years at the University of Tennessee, another with three years at Ohio State, and another with a year at Purdue disqualified. However, the reason for these disqualifications was largely the lack of proper coordination and reflex action.

"Only 65 of our 200 became P.A.C.'s and we are now anxiously awaiting shipment.

CINCINNATI REGION OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC
COLLEGE STUDENTS HOLDS CONGRESS
AT OUR LADY OF CINCINNATI

A frequently reiterated remark around any college campus today is one that deserves 'senatorial investigation.' "I haven't got time!" How many people have you put off with this during this past week? Of course, you haven't 'got time to burn' as (perhaps) they did back in the good old days when college lasted through four whole years. You still live in time though, and you still are given time as the element in which your life will become significant or the opposite. It is a dangerous
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We were told that college training will not be had at any of the Northern Colleges, and to expect to go West. We were also told that there was more than remote possibility that we would be given on-the-line training rather than college if there were no openings."

"In case of washout I am qualified for armament. I would rather stay a Cadet and become a Navigator or a Bombardier.

"...I have been rushing to finish this letter so that I will be out of the barracks when the inspecting officer comes around. If I stay, I am liable to get some odious detail. Boy, oh Boy, have I ever perfected the science of Goldbricking. When I leave Keesler Field, I will probably be given a B.S.G.--Bachelor of Science in Goldbricking.

"...If you want to know anything about running Xavier or need any help, don't hesitate to ask, and maybe if I am not too busy, I will take time out from Goldbricking and Horizontal Engineering to give you a few pointers..."

THAT'S LIFE!

by Bob Quinlan.

Terror grips the heart of each new-hatched, unfledged freshman. He is trembling; his knees buckle; beads of cold sweat appear on his forehead; his eyes have the same haunted look seen in the eyes of the doomed inhabitants of the death house. And why? because he has received the horrible summons: he wished to evade: "Cummere, freshman, whereya think ya goin'?" "No, no! Anything but that," squeals the hapless youth, "I don' wanna die." "Who said anything about dying?" roars Charles Edward May. (He's better known as "The Terror of the Smoker", and "Charlie the Avenger".) "Now, freshman, are ya gonna' sing that song, or are ya gonna' assume the angle?" As noon hours go by, Charles Edward May, chief executioner, carries on his diabolical torture of innocent freshmen.-----We'd better win the war pretty soon, before Pallazzolo gets a chance to gum up the works.-----Paul's innocent, smiling face will be missed here at X.-----Well, here goes nothing! Flat feet and all, we took the V-12 test again Wednesday.-----How to forget your income tax headache: Get a worse one, listening to Woody Herman's brass section.-----We guess that'll teach the Albee manager not to throw us out, when we present our press card from the Xavier News.-----Half the fellows in school think they could send General Marshall home, and run the war themselves, since hearing Father Gray's enlightening talk in assembly, last Tuesday.-----If you see anyone in the smoker muttering to himself, don't worry. The poor guy's just trying to think of a catchy title for his oratorical selection, something like "Mairzy Doats", "Besame Mucho", or "Poinciana".

FATHER HENDERSON, PROFESSOR AT XAVIER, DISCUSSES LATIN

"Latin Week" as it was explained by Father Henderson to his English class, is a week set aside by the educators of this region for the explanation and discussion of the Latin language, and its relationship to our present-day educational system.

Father Henderson represented the Jesuit Fathers at the meeting of educators, which was held last Tuesday, and whose proceedings were broadcast over WCKY.

The initial point stressed by Father Henderson in his talk was that in understanding the importance of Latin education, we must have before us the all essential viewpoint that, "Latin is to be studied chiefly on account of the literature which is written in it." We must explore Latin literature, not merely the rudiments of the language.

Some of the other important motives for the study of Latin, which Father Henderson proposed are: the first hand contact with the great minds of the Western European ancestors; the picture of the spiritually-united, Christian world as it was before the Reformation; the vivid painting of the old pagans, it shows us what God wrote into the human nature at the time He created it, and gives us a fuller understanding of what constitutes genuinely normal, human conduct established on proper principles of esthetics and justice, for which the world now seeks; and Latin gives us scholarly men who preserve the best aspects of our civilization.

Even to students, uncertain of their possibilities of attending

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CONGRESS OF N.F.C.C.S. AT O.L.C. (Continued from page 3)

habit you are forming, then, when you toss off the expression, "I haven't got time!" so often that you begin to leave life's more worth-while occupations all waiting for the stroke of eternity. Try telling yourself, "You have all the time there is!" --You really have, as a matter of fact. And among the essential things to do with your spare time are the really Catholic things. Make time for them!

Do you know that Xavier belongs to the National Federation of Catholic College Students, the purpose of which is to coordinate

and bring to maximum effectiveness ~~the~~ living influence of the nation's Catholic College men and women? What have you done this year to weld that group into the force for good that it ought to be? Why aren't Catholics a more dominant and normative part of the citizen body in the United States today? Do Catholic college men 'never have any time' to unite and assert themselves? - On Saturday, April 1st, the Cincinnati Region of the nfccs is holding a congress at O.L.C. FIND TIME to attend! Tell the president of your Student Council that you intend to be present. The date: Saturday, April 1st. Registration begins at O.L.C. at nine o'clock.

THE PROGRAM FOR THE REGIONAL CONGRESS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGE STUDENTS

9:00 Mass - Missa Recitata

9:30 Registration

10:00 FIRST GENERAL SESSION "Victory on the Home Front"

Honorary Chairman - Rev. James Hoban, Regional Chaplain

Chairman - Mary Elizabeth Austing, Regional President

Address of Welcome

I. Post-war America--A Challenge to Youth.

Xavier University

II. Emancipation of Family Life

Our Lady of Cincinnati College

III. Justice for Labor

Dayton University

12:45 Luncheon (by reservation through Bob Bamberger, \$1.25. Make reservation promptly.)

1:30 Regional Council Meeting

2:30 SECOND GENERAL SESSION "Victory in the Peace"

IV. Plans for World Organization in the Peace

Nazareth College

V. Plans for Economic Security

Marian College

VI. Plans for Relief and Rehabilitation

Mount Saint Joseph College

5:00 Benediction

TRADS HOLD ANOTHER MEETING

The names of two freshmen were added to the roster of the Traditionists at their last meeting in the Moderator's room at Dana Hall on Sunday morning, March 5th. The inductees were Jim Brockman and Ed Weyman whose high caliber scholastic work in high school had qualified them for admittance to the Club.

Furthering their perusal of Aristotles Nicomachean Ethics, John Huschart delivered an interesting treatment on the Supreme Good as the final end of intelligent action and on the many intermediate ends of the professions especially.

Leo Meirose, in continuing the study of virtue, expounded several significant observations namely — that although virtue is the mean state between two vices, excess and deficiency, the observance of this due mean is not attainable in every action due to the fact that many acts — viz. theft and murder — are intrinsically evil — that the mean was determined by applying the general definition to particular virtues — that there is a varying affinity of the vices toward the mean which finds excess in some cases more opposed to the mean than deficiency and vice versa in other cases. In conclusion, the following set of practical rules were formulated:

1. Avoid the extreme more opposed to the mean.
2. Discover what errors we are most susceptible to, by observing the pleasure or pain experienced.
3. Guard against what is pleasant and against pleasure for we are not impartial judges of pleasure.

IN HIGH SCHOOL, LATIN IS A "MUST SUBJECT" FOR EVERY STUDENT

Collego, Latin should be a "must subject." For on the outset, all is too unpredictable for a freshman in high school, but there are ways of gaining recognition and help. "Brains, ideals, and determination combined usually win through," said Father Henderson.

In closing, he made reference to the fact that the foremost educators of our time assert that Latin contributes greatly toward the development of the mind and scholarly talents of young men.

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Following these talks the new members immediately got into the swing of things and "carried the ball" through a "Round Table" discussion.

Ed Weyman soon involved himself in a solo debate on a multi farcious group of topics with the Moderator and had to resort to poetical phrases, highly polished verbage and humorous analogies — all of which were only semi-effective against the strong arguments and ponderous questions poured on by the moderator. Although Jim Brackman ably assisted his freshman colleague, both were convinced they had been given "the works."

Programed for the next meeting, Sunday March 26th, is an encore by Jack Huschart on the first half of Book V of the Ethics. At the coming meeting, Father Henderson, the moderator, promised to show the members of the Club St. Thomas Aquinas' discussion of the same matter — that Mr. John Huschart treated at the last meeting on March 5.